

Reading for Weekday in Ordinary Time

15th November 2025

First reading

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9

There appeared an unhindered way out of the Red Sea, and they leaped like lambs.

While gentle silence enveloped all things,
and night in its swift course was now half gone,
your all-powerful word leaped from heaven,
from the royal throne,
into the midst of the land that was doomed,
a stern warrior carrying the sharp sword
of your authentic command,
and stood and filled all things with death,
and touched heaven while standing on the earth.
For the whole creation in its nature was fashioned anew,
complying with your commands,
that your children might be kept unharmed.
The cloud was seen overshadowing the camp,
and dry land emerging where water had stood before,
an unhindered way out of the Red Sea,
and a grassy plain out of the raging waves,
where those protected by your hand
passed through as one nation,
after gazing on marvellous wonders.
For they ranged like horses
and leaped like lambs,
praising you, O Lord, who delivered them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 105(104):2-3. 36-37. 42-43. R5a

*Remember the wonders the Lord has done.
or: Alleluia.*

O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works!
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
He struck all the firstborn in their land,
the first fruit of all their strength.
He led out Israel with silver and gold.
In his tribes were none who stumbled.
For he remembered his holy word,
spoken to Abraham his servant.
So he brought out his people with joy,
his chosen ones with shouts of rejoicing.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia.

God called us through the gospel,
so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

‘God will give justice to his elect, who cry to him.’

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, “Give me justice against my adversary.” For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, “Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.”’

And the Lord said, ‘Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

Short reflection on the reading for today

We have heard the parable of the widow and the unjust judge. Here was a widow who refused to lose heart, even when rejected by a judge who neither feared God nor had any respected his neighbours. This powerless woman was faced down by a powerful judge and the odds were all stacked against her. But she refused to give up, certain that justice was on her side. Jesus proposes this woman as a model of faith in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles.

At the end of this parable, Jesus asks, “When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?” Will he will find the resilient faith of the widow or, will he find, rather, that people have lost heart and lost faith? God’s faithfulness is not in doubt. The question is about our faithfulness. He gave this lesson about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. Our main way to keep faith in difficult times is through prayer.